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Applicant	:	Sean Mountcastle		
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Customer No.	:	26541		
Title	:	PARTIONING A NETWORK ELEMENT INTO MULTIPLE VIRTUAL NETWORK ELEMENTS		

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AMENDMENT C

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 28, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.